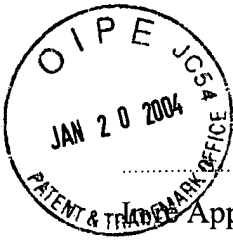


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Application of: GRIFFITHS, et al.)
Serial Number: 09/714,410)
Filed: 11/14/00)
For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR**)
PRODUCING A THIN SAMPLE BAND)
IN A MICROCHANNEL DEVICE)
Attorney Docket Number: SD-8263)

Examiner: MUTSCHLER B.
Group Art Unit: 1753

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 16, 2004

SUBMISSION OF CORRECTED DRAWINGS UNDER 37 CFR §1.84

Sir:

Applicant respectfully presents the accompanying CORRECTED drawings, in Application Serial Number 09/714,410, in connection the first Official Action on the merits mailed to the Applicants on October 17, 2003 (paper no. 2). PTO Form 948 was NOT received with this action.

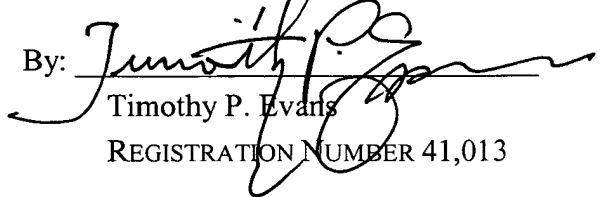
Included with this communication are copies of are TWENTY (20) sheets of CORRECTED drawings which INCLUDE changes proposed to drawings FIGs. 2A- 2H, 3A – 3H, 4A – 4H, 12, 13, and 14, AMENDED under MPEP §608.02(v), and submitted to the Examiner for consideration under MPEP §608.02(r), on January 16, 2004.

The TWENTY (20) sheets of drawings included herewith contain ONE HUNDRED FOUR (104) separate figures, labeled FIG. 1, FIG. 2A – 2H, FIG. 3A – 3H, FIG. 4A – 4H, FIG. 5A – 5L, FIG. 6A – 6P, FIG. 7A – 7P, FIG. 8A – 8L, FIG. 9A – 9L, FIG. 10, FIG. 11A – 11B, FIG. 12, FIG. 13, FIG. 14, FIG. 15, FIG. 16, FIG. 17, FIG. 18, and FIG. 19.

Favorable consideration and entry of the drawings now presented is earnestly solicited. Should the enclosed DRAWINGS fail to meet with your approval Applicant further requests notice of the deficiencies in order that he may timely correct same.

This communication is,

Respectfully submitted,
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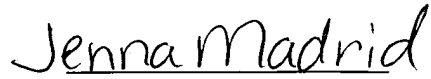
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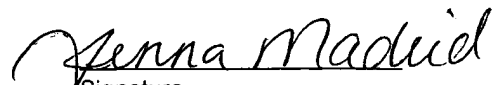
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